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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL BOARD,

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

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Report of Treasurer and Selectmen.

The Treasurer and Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1888, as follows:—

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1887,	$2,148.27
Dog tax,	28.00
Highway tax of 1886,	37.42
Cash from former treasurer,	889.22
From County, for support of Poor,	311.20
Railroad tax,	8.16
Savings' bank tax,	256.76
Literary fund,	58.46
Received on collector's book of 1885,	4.50
" " " 1886,	204.44
Interest on taxes of 1886,	5.38
Received highway tax of 1887,	1.25
Interest on taxes of 1887,	5.78
	$3,958.84

Disbursements of Treasurer.

Outstanding bills:	
Paid C. M. Barnard, note in full,	$842.45
Eliza A. Johnson, note in full,	522.45
A. W. Nichols, labor on new road,	3.00
D. B. Mitchell, for plank,	1.66
A. F. Fletcher, labor on Webster road,	6.55
N. D. Cole, labor on Heath bridge,	6.00
D. K. Cummings, breaking road, West Dist.,	9.75
J. Smith and T. Hammond, breaking road,	.90
A. F. Wheeler, breaking road,	3.50
J. Q. Gault, shoveling snow,	2.40
	$1,398.66

Support of Schools.

Paid School Board,	$495.26

Highway and Bridge Bills.

Paid H. W. Mitchell, breaking road, Morrison Dist.,	$2.55
W. G. Braley, labor on new road,	1.50
J. E. S. Fifield, breaking road, '87 and '88,	9.10
J. H. Fogg, " '87,	5.00
J. A. Reade, breaking B. station road, '87,	2.05
P. P. Sanborn, shoveling snow on new road and Glover Dist., '87 and '88,	3.25
G. W. Atwood, breaking road, '87 and '88,	11.62
J. S. Morrison, breaking road,	1.50
Orrin E. Morrill,	2.75
S. S. Fletcher, labor on Union bridge,	1.50
R. B. Gilpatric, labor on road,	3.75
R. J. Pillsbury, " Union bridge,	3.00
M. D. Cole and others, breaking road, West Dist.,	10.20
J. B. Mitchell, bridge plank,	10.08
C. Woodman and others, labor, Dist. No. 5,	2.70
C. Woodman, labor in Dist. No. 8,	2.50

Paid D. C. Whittemore, breaking road on turnpike,	$5.00
D. Y. Fifield, breaking road and cutting out in spring, '87,	20.00
T. Hammond, damage to plow on road, '86,	1.50
H. Sanborn, labor on new road and bridge plank,	11.20
A. W. Nichols and others, breaking road,	9.50
Moses E. Flanders, shoveling snow on turnpike,	3.25
J. H. Clay, labor on new road,	3.00
J. B. Hughes, breaking road, Dist. No. 19, '87,	1.08
E. E. Ferrin, " " "	4.66
D. B. Clement, jr., for plank,	11.28
D. B. Clement, labor on new road,	8.20
D. B. Clement, breaking new road and Glover Dist., '87 and '88,	23.00
H. R. Brown, labor on, and breaking new road, '87 and '88,	23.25
J. S. Martin, breaking B. station road,	2.70
N. G. Cross, breaking road, '86, '87 and '88,	7.00
	$207.67

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	$12.00
E. C. Eastman, for record, collector's and surveyors' books,	8.10
H. L. Hughes, claim for damage on road,	62.50
Expense perambulating town line,	1.50
For use of money,	2.65
C. Taylor, for plow point,	.85
County tax,	277.49
State tax,	276.00
School Board, of school-house tax assessed April, 1886,	6.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing tax bills,	1.25
J. E. S. Fifield, return of births, deaths and marriages,	2.25
R. B. Gilpatric, services as moderator,	1.50

Paid F. G. Cummings, damage to wagon on Clay brook bridge,	$2.00
Dr. Garey, medical services,	1.00
Former board of selectmen, services after settlement,	4.50
C. Woodman, use of watering trough,	3.00
For memorandum books, postage, stationery and express,	2.57
Selectmen's expenses,	10.00
	$675.16

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid J. E. S. Fifield, town clerk,	$16.50
E. L. Dalton, school board,	32.00
J. S. Morrison, school board,	5.00
G. F. Fletcher, "	12.00
J. E. S. Fifield, supervisor,	3.00
R. B. Gilpatric, "	3.00
G. F. Fletcher, "	3.00
C. L. Barnard, collector,	25.00
D. B. Clement, jr., selectman,	46.50
Charles Woodman, "	30 25
H. R. Brown, "	27.75
J. B. Hughes, treasurer,	25.00
	$229.00

Support of Poor.

Paid for D. F. Garland,	$20.71
John Q. Gault,	88.00
Hezekiah and Sally Heath,	150.00
Digging grave for Betsey Johnson,	2.00
	$260.71

Abatement of Taxes Assessed April 1, 1887.

Lewis E. Brown, dog tax,	$1.00
Charles Parks,	2.75

Albert K. Brainard,	$1.75
Chas. Teasdale,	1.93
Hiram S. Tilton, loss of two horses,	1 14
William W. Harriman, dog tax,	1.00
Harvey W. Tilton, dog tax,	1.00
Lewis E. Brown, highway tax of 1886,	.50
	$11.07

Abatements.

Abatements on Collector's book of 1883,	$3.79
" " " 1884,	4.00
" " " 1885,	26.71
" " " 1886,	17.46

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received,		$3,958 84
Paid outstanding bills,	$1,398.66	
Support of schools,	495.26	
" poor,	260.71	
Town officers' bills,	229.00	
Highway and bridge bills,	207.67	
Miscellaneous bills,	675.16	
Abatements,	11.07	
Due on collector's book,	289.50	
Cash in treasury,	354.56	
Non-resident highway tax worked,	37.25	
		$3,958.84

Demands Against the Town.

Nathan Chapman, note,	$422.45
Mary J. Mitchell "	728 20
Hattie N. Morrison, note,	134 53
D. B. Clement, "	1,614.13
G. F. Fletcher,	165.43
Lydia R. Clement,	206.24
Almira Huckins,	243.09
D. B. Clement, jr.,	364.22
	$3,878.29

Assets of the Town.

Due from County,	$48.00
Due on Collector's book of 1882,	2.10
" " " 1885,	28.40
" " " 1886,	33.97
" " " 1887,	289.50
Due from C. H. Spiller,	10.00
" Webster and others, costs on bridge case,	13.50
Value of land,	100.00
	$525.47
Cash in treasury,	354.56
	$880.03

Demands against the town,	$3,878.29
Assets of the town,	880.03
	$2,998.26

Indebtedness of the town March 1, 1887,	$3,651.11
" " " 1888,	2,998.26
Debt diminished,	$652.85

J. B. HUGHES, Treasurer.

D. B. CLEMENT, Jr.,
CHARLES WOODMAN,
H. R. BROWN,
} Selectmen of Bridgewater.

Report of School Board.

School No. 1.

The first term of eight weeks, commencing May 9, was taught by Miss Augusta C. Sargent, who is well known as an experienced teacher, and the school prospered well under her instruction. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14. Classed as follows: Reading, 16; spelling, 16; arithmetic, 15; penmanship, 7; geography, 5; grammar, 3. The following names are found upon the roll of honor: Inez Heath, Cora Woodman. Number of visits by parents and others, 18. Wages of teacher per month, $12. Board per month, $6.

The second term of twelve weeks, commencing Sept. 12, was under the instruction of Miss Eva D. Howe. This was her first attempt at teaching and I think the school was rather hard for a young teacher. I found at my last visit a want of school books which we hope will be remedied before another term. If parents are unable to procure them, they should let it be known and have them furnished in some other way. Whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 17. Number studying reading, 20; spelling, 21; penmanship, 0; arithmetic, 16; geography, 12; grammar, 3; history, 1. Number of visits by parents and others, 19. Roll of honor: Cora Woodman, Leon Woodman, Leland Mitchell. Wages of teacher per month, $14. Board per month, $8.

School No. 2.

One term of twelve weeks, commencing Sept. 5, was taught by Miss Augusta C. Sargent, who has taught this school a

number of terms and always with good success. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 8. Classed as follows: Reading, 10; spelling, 10; penmanship, 10; arithmetic, 8; geography, 4; grammar, 2; drawing, 2; bookkeeping, 1. Roll of honor: Myrtie C. Ferrin, Howard H. Hughes, Willie Parker, Annie Morrison, Edna Morrison and Joseph Morrison. Number of visits by parents and others, 17. Wages of teacher per month, $12.00. Board per month, $6.00.

School No. 3.

The first term of eight weeks commencing May 9, was taught by Miss Ida M. Norris, of Meredith. The closing examination was very good. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10; number studying reading, 13; spelling, 13; penmanship, 13; arithmetic, 12; geography, 8; grammar, 4. Roll of honor: Mary E. Fletcher, Abbie Batchelder and Carrie M. Dalton. Number of visits by parents and others, six. Wages of teacher per month, $12.00. Board given.

The second term commenced Oct. 3. Miss Inez M. Andrews, of Ashland, teacher. This school was to have been seventeen weeks in length, but owing to sickness and bad traveling, it was thought best to close, after keeping fifteen weeks and two days. Miss Andrews is a wide awake, energetic teacher, and the scholars made good progress under her instruction. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 16; number studying reading, 20; spelling, 20; penmanship, 20; arithmetic, 19; geography, 5; grammar, 2; history, 4; rhetoric, 2; bookkeeping, 1; algebra, 2. Roll of honor: Mary Fletcher, Charlie Small, Charlie Huff and Fred Fitzpatric. Number of visits by parents and others, 10. Wages of teacher per month, $15.00. Board and wood given.

School No. 7.

One term, commencing Aug. 7, taught by Miss Lizzie P. Whittemore. This school was to have been fifteen weeks in length but owing to sickness of the teacher was closed after keeping eleven weeks and four days. As the school closed

suddenly I was unable to visit it the second time but have been informed that it was an excellent school. Whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7. Number studying reading, 8; spelling, 8; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 7; geography, 5; grammar, 3. Roll of honor: Myra E. Clement. Number of visits by parents and others, 23. Wages of teacher per month including board, $20.

School No. 8.

This school had two terms, with only one week vacation, both under the instruction of Miss Fannie M. Spencer, who is an experienced teacher and always keeps a good school. The first term of six weeks commenced Aug. 15. Whole number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6. Number studying reading, 7; spelling, 7; writing, 4; arithmetic, 7; geography, 5; grammar, 5. Roll of honor: Agnes Dolloff, George Clough, Lenora Clough.

The second term of twelve weeks commenced Oct. 3. Whole number of scholars, 9. average attendance, 7. Classed as follows: Reading, 8; spelling, 9; penmanship, 4; arithmetic, 9; grammar, 3; composition, 5; history, 6; physiology, 2. We find no names upon the roll of honor. Number of visits by parents and others, 9. Wages of teacher per month including board, $24.

School No. 10.

This school was united with former Union District the same as last year. The first eight weeks, commencing May 16, was taught at the Union school house, for the better accommodation of the little scholars. Both terms were under the instruction of Mrs. Florence V. Mitchell. The scholars are mostly small and Mrs. Mitchell seems just the person to interest little children. We are glad to report profitable terms. Whole number of scholars first term, 8; average attendance, 7. Number studying reading, 8; spelling, 8; penmanship, 6; arithmetic, 6; geography, 3. Roll of honor: Ora A. Nichols, Ralph Nichols, Edith Mitchell, Ethel Mitchell, Nora Mitchell. Number of visits by parents and others, 9.

The second term of ten weeks was taught at No. 10 school house and commenced Aug. 29. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 10. Number studying reading, 10; spelling, 10; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 4; geography, 2. Roll of honor: Ethel Mitchell, Nora Mitchell, Edith Mitchell. Number of visits by parents and others, 9. Wages of teacher per month including board, $12 each term.

In closing our report we will say that as a whole, we think our schools have been very successful. It is not always possible to secure experienced teachers and sometimes those that will do well in one school may not succeed with some other one. There was no school in former district No. 5 the past year, two of the scholars attended No. 8 school and the others No. 3. This gave more money to the other schools, but perhaps it will not be best to continue in this way, as the distance is too great for small children to travel. In No. 2 as we all know there is not any school house, and this year a room was furnished by Mr. Ferrin at fifty cents per week, which was paid for by the town. There are ten scholars in this school and some more small ones that will soon be large enough to attend. It is inconvenient having the school at a private house and the people are unwilling to have it even for pay. We think there is need of a suitable school house.

Whole number of scholars not less than five years of age who have attended school two weeks or more, 78. Number of children between five and fifteen who have attended no school during the year, 3. Number of scholars between 5 and 15 as reported by the selectmen, 71—35 boys and 36 girls.

EMILY L. DALTON, } Board of
JOSEPH S. MORRISON, } Education.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

Date of Birth—1887.	Name of Child. (if any).	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Apr. 14		F.	Living.	2	W.	Henry H. Morrill	Mary	W.	Bridgewat'n	Farmer	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Sept. 18		"	"	2	"	Edwin D. Morrill	Huldith M.	"	"	"	"	Hebron
" 19		"	"	5	"	Stephen R. Glover	Luella R	"	"	"	"	Plymouth
" 19		"	"	6	"	" "	"	"	"	"	"	"
Oct. 5		"	"	1	"	William P. Wheeler	Laura E.	"	"	"	Franklin	Orange
" 29		"	"	1	"	Gustavus R. Emmons	Carrie L.	"	Laconia	Hosiery Knitter	Bristol	"

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

Date 1887.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation.	Place of Birth	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	1s, 2nd or 3d marriage.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 22	Rumney,.....	Geo. I. Pillsbury.	Bridgewater..	29	W.	Laborer.....	Holderness...	Randall J. Pillsbury	Bridgewater..	Farmer.....	1	J. H. Trow, ordained minister of the M. E. church, Haverhill. N. H.
								Emeline L. Fletcher	Bridgewater..	Housekeeper.		
		Francis A. George	Rumney.....	28	"	School teacher	Boston Hi'la's	A. K. George	Plymouth	Farmer.....	1	
								Abbie A. George...	.....	.....		
Aug. 4	Holderness...	Norman B. Tobine	Bridgewater..	20	"	Laborer.....	Springfield ...	Gustavus R. Tobine	Bridgewater..	.....	1	Daniel Batcheider, clergymen, Holderness, N. H.
								Sarah H. Barber...	....	Housekeeper.		
		Clara B. Wiser...	Bridgewater..	14	"		Bridgewater..	Norman Wiser.....	.....	Farmer.....	1	
								Mary Jane Heath..	Bridgewater..	Housekeeper.		
Sept. 17	NewHampton	Wm. H. Lovejoy.	Plymouth	30	"	Farmer.....	Plymouth	Geo. W. Lovejoy...	.....	.....	1	E. H. Prescott, clergyman. New Hampton, N. H.
								Mary Pierce	.....	.....		
		Laura E. Gault...	Bridgewater..	23	"	Housekeeper.	Bridgewater..	John Q. Gault.....	....	Farmer	2	
								Emily Tobine.....	Bridgewater..	Housekeeper.		
Sept. 22	Bridgewater..	Henry L. Gault ..	Bridgewater .	19	"	Farmer	Bridgewater..	John Q Gault	Holderness...	Farmer	1	Charles Woodman, Justice of the Peace, Bridgewater, N. H.
								Emily Tobine.....	Bridgewater..	Housekeeper.		
		CarrieSWaterman	Bridgewater..	20	"	Housekeeper.	Hartford, Vt.	John Waterman....	Rome, N. Y..	Teamster.....	1	
								Rose Banker.	Thetford, Vt.	....		
Oct. 2	Ashland.....	Ulysses G. Spiller	Ashland.....	22	"	Farmer	NewHampton	True S. Spiller.....	Bridgewater..	... .	1	Loren Webster, Presbeter of the P. E. church, Ashland, N. H.
								Betsey A. Giles....	Barnstead....	....		
		Jennie A. Higgins	Bridgewater..	16	"	Housekeeper.	Barton, Vt...	Milo J. Higgins ..	Coventry, Vt.	.....	1	
								Eliza Hunt.....	Barton, Vt....	Housekeeper.		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

Date of Death—1887	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.									
Jan 16.....	Betsey Johnson.....	84	5	23	Thornton.....	F.	W.	W	Domestic.....	.....	.....	Israel Blake.....	Rachel Tondy.....
Jan. 28.....	Jonathan H. Johnson...	74	7	3	Bridgewater.....	M.	"	M	Farmer	.....	.....	Moses Johnson.....	.....
Feb. 23.....	Charles E. Loveland....	32	9	11	.....	M.	"	M	Farmer	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apr. 27.....	Carrie Mitchell.....	15	2	27	Lowell, Mass.....	F.	"	S.	Housework.....	Bridgewater ...	Holderness.....	Henry W. Mitchell.	Harriet A. Rogers.

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